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In re Appln. of: Toshio MIKIYA et al.

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- Transmittal (in duplicate); Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; 2 Cited References including German Office Action (C2 and C3)
- Return Receipt Postcard

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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### SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following references:

#### U.S. Patent Document

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,397,445	Aug. 9, 1983	Burquier

#### Foreign Patent Document

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DE3117935	Apr. 22, 1982	German Patent Office

#### Other Art

German Office Action dated June 1, 2006

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Reference C3 is an Office Action issued in the counterpart German application. An English abstract thereof is also attached to this Statement. Reference C2 was cited in the Office Action. Reference C2 is in German. Applicant is submitting Reference C1, which is the US counterpart of Reference C2.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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C2	DE3117935	04/22/1982	German Patent Office		4,397,445

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS (Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)		
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